Alabama License Recognition Agreement with Tennessee

The Alabama Private Investigation Board (APIB) has now entered into a Private Investigator license recognition agreement with the Tennessee Private Investigation and Polygraph Commission. The "Limited License Recognition Agreement" currently in place with Tennessee provides for the following investigative activities:

A resident of Alabama who is currently licensed as a private investigator by the APIB, may be granted a limited licensure exemption from the licensing requirements of Tennessee (the reciprocating state).

The licensure exemption is only available to:

- 1. Private Investigators who are licensed by the reciprocating state and whose license(s) are in good standing with the reciprocating state.
 - Private investigators whose license(s) has/have been suspended or revoked for law or rule violations in any state shall not be eligible for license recognition for ten (10) years from the effective date of the suspension or revocation.
- 2. Alabama and Tennessee private investigators, qualified per paragraph one (1) above who do not have a felony conviction, may enter the reciprocating state to conduct private investigations only if the investigation originated in their home state. Furthermore, investigation in the reciprocating state is limited to thirty (30) days per agency per case per year. Investigations exceeding thirty (30) days must be handled by a licensed private investigator in the reciprocating state. The exemption does not authorize private investigators to solicit private investigative business in the reciprocating state or to conduct private investigative business in the reciprocating state other than as specifically stated in this paragraph.

FURTHERMORE, the parties agree that:

All individuals exempted under this agreement be affiliated with a properly licensed investigative agency in Tennessee. Alabama does not require a company affiliation. However, the remaining terms apply.

a. An irrevocable consent that service of process, in any complaint or disciplinary action filed against the investigator arising out of the investigator's activities in the reciprocating state may be made by delivery of such process on the administrator of the private investigation regulatory agency in his/her/its state of residence. In addition, the private investigator or private investigative agency consents to the jurisdiction of the reciprocating state should a complaint or disciplinary action in the reciprocating state be filed.

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